

I am a law-abiding consumer who believes that copyright infringement should be prosecuted. More importantly, the FCC should be working to protect consumers rather than enable those who would restrict consumer rights. In the case of the broadcast flag, it will have little effect on copyright infringement. As with all digital content (or content that can be encoded digitally), a televised program has only to be "cracked" once and it will be available to nearly everyone via the Internet. So, while I may be required to purchase consumer electronic devices that cost more and allow me to do less, copyright infringement will not be diminished.

I urge you not to mandate the broadcast flag. It is impossible to prevent copyright infringement of digital media. It is already illegal to engage in copyright infringement. A strong enforcement of the existing laws would serve us and the media industry much better than a costly and ultimately useless mandate such as the broadcast flag.